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| In re Application of:                       | ) |                            |
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| Frank et al.                                | ) |                            |
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| For: Method and Apparatus for Controlling a | ) | Confirmation No. 8957      |
| Signal Control Port                         | ) |                            |

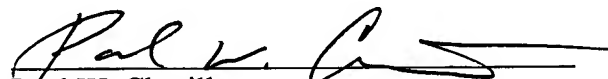
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**STATUS INQUIRY**

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request an indication of the status of the above-referenced application. This application was filed on September 4, 2003. However, to date, Applicants have not received an Office Action. Applicants would gratefully appreciate receiving a written communication indicating when they may expect to receive a first Office Action for this application.

Respectfully Submitted,

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